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SUBJ: ECONOMIC DATA ON GOLAN HEIGHTS SETTLEMENT

1. SECRETARY-GENERAL OF KIBBUTZ FEDERATION AFFILIATED WITH AHDUT AVODAH FACTION OF LABOR PARTY (ROSOLIO) HAS PROVIDED US WITH STATISTICS CONCERNING TWO SETTLEMENTS ON GOLAN. THIS DATA IN HIS VIEW REFLECTS THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF THE SETTLEMENTS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF KUNEITRA.

2. EIN ZIVAN - WHEAT IS GROWN ON FIVE THOUSAND UNIRRIGATED DUNAMS. FIVE HUNDRED IRRIGATED DUNAMS ARE DEVOTED TO VEGETABLES MOSTLY POTATOES FOR SEEDS. THERE ARE FOUR TURKEY RUNDS, WITH TWO MORE UNDER CONSTRUCTION; PRODUCTION OF TURKEY MEAT LAST YEAR WAS 240 TONS. SEVEN HUNDRED TONS OF APPLES WERE GROWN LAST YEAR ON THREE HUNDRED IRRIGATED DUNAMS. EIN ZIVAN ALSO HAS A WORKSHOP WHICH ATTACHES PLASTIC STRAPS TO SANDALS AND BOOTS FOR THE DARNA SHOE COMPANY. EIN ZIVAN IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A PROFIT DURING THE CURRENT YEAR OF ABOUT IL TWO MILLION.

3. MEROM GOLAN-POTATOES FOR SEED ARE GROWN ON TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED IRRIGATED DUNAMS. FIFTEEN HUNDRED UNIRRIGATED DUNAMS

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ARE DEVOTED TO WHEAT. MEROM GOLAN RAISES CATTLE FOR BEEF WITH

THE CURRENT HERD NUMBERING ABOUT 860 MOTHERS AND 450 CALVES.
THERE ARE FOUR TURKEY RUNS ACCOMMODATING EIGHTEEN THOUSAND
TURKEYS. THEREE HUNDRED DUNAMS OF APPLES PRODUCE 750 TONS.
MEROM GOLAN ALSO WORKS A VOLCANIC STONE QUARRY NEAR THE SETTLEMENT.

4. DETAILED DATA WAS NOT PROVIDED FOR THE THIRD SETTLEMENT
AFFILIATED WITH THE SAME FEDERATION, EL ROM. ROSOLIO
DESCRIBED ITS ACTIVITIES AS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF MEROM GOLAN
AND ATTRIBUTED TO IT A GROSS INCOME LAST YEAR OF ABOUT IL
TEN MILLION.

5. COMMENT: ROSOLIO MENTIONED IN PASSING THAT THE GOLAN
HEIGHTS SETTLEMENT ARE THE LARGEST FACTOR IN THE "ISRAELI"
PRODUCTION OF POTATIOES FOR SEED. WHILE NOT INTENDED TO BE
COMPREHENSIVE, THE ABOVE DATA DOES CONVEY THE IMPRESSION
OF PROSPERITY , AN IMPRESSION BORNE OUT BY THE APPEARANCE
OF THE SETTLEMENTS THEMSELVES AND THEIR FIELDS.
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